

The consumption of chocolate in this country is largely on the increase, one manufacturer stating that last year he made 1,600,000 pounds and used a ton of sugar per day. The best cocoa beans come from Venezuela and Mexico, and the cheapest from San Domingo. The two great chocolate consuming countries in the United States are the United States and the United Kingdom, but manufacturers in the former country, so far as the interchange of markets is concerned, have greatly the advantage. Prepared chocolate entering this country has a duty of 4 cents per pound, or 28¢ per cwt. The duty on the inferior grades must pay 16 cents per pound.